# Protect Your Community Protect Yourself!

#### Did You Know...

For the last 50 years, at least 1 firefighter has given his or her life each year fighting wildfires and in many years, firefighter fatalities have been significantly higher.

## The 10 Standard Fire Orders are there to help...

#### **Fire Behavior**

- 1. Keep informed on fire weather conditions and forecasts.
- 2. Know what your fire is doing at all times.
- 3. Base all actions on current and expected behavior of the fire.

#### **Fireline Safety**

- 4. Identify escape routes and make them known.
- 5. Post lookouts when there is possible danger.
- 6. Be alert. Keep calm. Think clearly. Act decisively.

#### **Organizational Control**

- 7. Maintain prompt communications with your forces, your supervisor and adjoining forces.
- 8. Give clear instructions and ensure they are understood.
- 9. Maintain control of your forces at all times.

#### If 1-9 are considered, then...

10. Fight fire agressively, having provided for safety first.

### ... and so are we!

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